

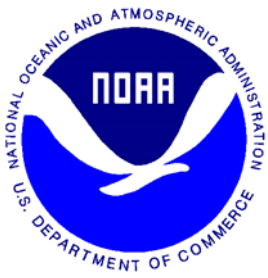


Fisheries & Protected Species

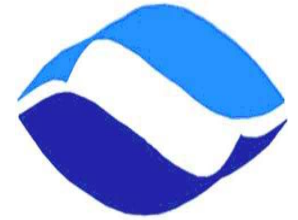
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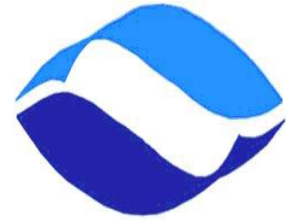
Presentation Overview



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- **Protected Species Program Capabilities to Meet the Challenge**
 - **Fisheries & Protected Species Interactions: A Conservation Challenge**
 - **Protected Species Program Initiatives**



Program Capabilities



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- **Management Capabilities**
 - **Proactive Conservation**
 - **ESA Listing**
 - **Recovery and Conservation**
 - **International**
 - **Outreach and Education**
 - **Science Capabilities**
 - **Survey, Assessment, Monitoring and Research**



Science Needs – Data Gaps



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- **Stock Assessment Improvement Plan**
 - **Tier I and Tier II**
 - **Tier III Needs**
 - **PPBES Capabilities and Activities**



MMPA Policy & Conservation



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- **List of Fisheries**
 - Categorization
 - **Take Reduction Teams/Plan**
 - Coastal Bottlenose Dolphin - rulemaking
 - Atlantic Offshore Cetacean - 2005
 - Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Trawl - 2005



MMPA Policy & Conservation



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- **Reauthorization and Rec. Fisheries**
 - **Zero Mortality Rate Goal**
 - **Serious Injury and Mortality**
 - **Negligible Impact Determinations**



ESA Policy Guidance



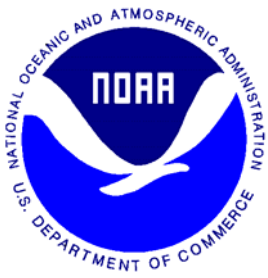
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- **Section 7 Jeopardy Analysis Guidance**
 - **Integrating ESA into MSFCMA Operational Guidelines**
 - **Listing Criteria Dialogue**
 - **Interim Recovery Planning Guidance**
 - **Interim Five-Year Status Review Guidance**



ESA Conservation Actions



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- **Atlantic and Gulf Sea Turtle Conservation Strategy**
 - **Section 6 Cooperative Conservation with States**
 - **Species of Concern Program**



Permit Issues



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- **Scientific Research on ESA Species Requires Permits**
 - Based on Recovery Needs, NEPA and ESA analyses
 - **Fishing Gear Research-Gear Modification**
 - Right Whale – Fishing Gear Mitigation
 - Sea Turtle – Longline Fishery Mitigation